

generally satisfactory. The iron, steel and coal trades at Pittsburgh are dull. Cold weather at Omaha, and snow in Wisconsin have improved the situation. In Philadelphia the iron trade is perplexed and uncertain. Steel blooms are unsold and low, but rails and manufactured iron look better. Copper and tin are unchanged. The syndicate has been obliged to increase its holdings of copper by several hundred tons, and the stock is now supposed to be 100,000 tons in Europe, and 20,000 here, held at \$45,000,000 or more.

Reports of railroad traffic show that shipments last week were 111,000 tons, the largest ever reported, against 54,000 tons for the corresponding week last year.

Earnings continue good. The course of stocks during the week has been decidedly favorable to holders, especially in a few of the more active shares, and the general average of prices is about a dollar per share higher than at the opening of the year. Prices of commodities, on the other hand, still tend down, having declined  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent in December and about  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent since January 1.

The year closes with general confidence, rather greater, indeed, than the present state of prices and the rate of consumption in some of the most important industries warrant.

The failures number 298 against 310 last week and 303 the week previous. For the corresponding week of last year they were 263.

#### The Scouts Departed.

St. Louis, December 28.—The latest advice from the Indian Territory, received by the Post-Dispatch through a letter from Oklahoma Station, on the Topeka and Santa Fe railway, are that the Indian scouts, who were reported yesterday as having driven a number of settlers and others from that place, have suddenly departed, their chief having received information from headquarters that his action was arbitrary and unauthorized. It is now believed there will be no further interference with the whites who remain peaceable and quiet.

#### Killed by a Woman.

JACKSON, O., December 28.—Wesley Nail was shot and instantly killed by a woman into whose house he was trying to force himself. He was intoxicated and had been refused admission, and was trying to break down the door when the woman, whose name is Troy, shot through the door and killed him instantly.

#### Supposed to Be Lost.

New York, December 28.—Speculation was rife on the floor of the Maritime exchange this morning over the probable fate of the steamship Samana, which left here for Haytian and San Domingo ports November 22 last. Nothing has been heard from the vessel since. It will be recalled that Samana's departure was signalized by a heated controversy between the time—Haytian consul, Bassett, and the American house officials. Mr. Bassett claimed the vessel carried arms and ammunition for the insurgents, and made strenuous efforts to have the vessel delayed until her cargo could be inspected. Collector Malone refused to interfere. On November 25 the eastern coast of the United States was visited by one of the most severe storms ever experienced by sea-faring men, and it is now nearly forty days since the Samana has been reported. It is the opinion of sea-faring men in general in this city that the steamer is lost.

#### WASHINGTON NOTES.

##### DAMAGES WANTED.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—It was stated positively at the department of state to-day that no demand for indemnity had been made in the case of the steamer Haytian Republic. Mr. Morse, owner of the vessel, recently requested Secretary Bayard to demand \$125,000 indemnity. The secretary informed him that there is no need of haste, and that the question of damages can be best determined after the vessel has arrived at New York, where it is due in a few days.

##### THE CRUISER CHARLESTON.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Mr. Irving M. Scott, president of the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, was at the navy department to-day in conference with different officers in regard to the conditions under which the trial trip of the steam cruiser Charleston shall be conducted. The acceptance of the vessel by the government will depend on the success of this trial. Scott said the vessel will be ready for test in about six weeks.

The Charleston is the first vessel of the new navy constructed on the Pacific coast, and unusual interest is manifested by naval officers in regard to her speed and construction.

##### KILLED HIS BROTHER.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Taylor Carey, colored patient in the Freedman's hospital, at 5:30 o'clock this morning, shot and killed his brother Isaac who was employed as a nurse in the same hospital. The immediate cause of the murder was the failure of Isaac to turn over \$1.25 which had been given him for his sick brother.

##### MANAGER SMITH'S PORTRAIT.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—An excellent portrait in oil of Hon. William Henry Smith, general manager of the Associated Press, was to-day presented to the Washington correspondents by its painter, Mr. C. F. Webster, a well known artist of Cincinnati.

##### Strike Threatened.

St. Louis, December 28.—Information comes from Fairmount, Ill., to the effect that an order has been issued by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad company stating that the firemen will be classified into three grades. The first to receive \$2.60; second, \$2, and third, \$1.75 per day. The order also states that the "chain," first in first out, will be adopted. Unless these orders are modified there will be a strike.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cures catarrh by ex- purging the blood, which is the primary complaint. Give it a

## GUILLOTINE.

Execution of Prado, the Murderer,  
On the Scaffold at Paris  
Yesterday.

Description of the Horrible Scene  
of Cutting Off the Pris-  
oner's Head.

PARIS, December 28.—Prado, the murderer of Marie Aquetant, his mistress, was guillotined this morning in the Place de la Riquette. He presented a fine demeanor to the last. He refused to make a confession, and also declined the services of the chaplain.

#### ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

NEW YORK, December 28.—A world extra gives the following details of the execution of Prado: The death was witnessed by 200 artists, newspaper men, actors, lawyers, and politicians who possessed influence sufficient to obtain admission within the sentry lines to the Place de la Riquette. He died with much the same bravado as did Frazzini, his former chum and counterpart. The scene was much more orderly and not the slightest mishap occurred in the work of M. De Ibler. In fifty seconds from the appearance at the prison gate his bleeding head lay in the basket. In front of the gates of the prison, where the execution took place, were found a group of men, among whom were seen several of the most distinguished men in France. Near the line of trees on the upper side of the path stood Manuel Sully, of the Comedie Francaise; near him Armand Silvestre and Henri Rochefort, and Alphonse Doucet was said to be present.

Prado in walking from the prison to the guillotine showed no signs of fear. His arms were tightly pinioned behind his back, so tightly indeed that his head was drawn far beyond the perpendicular. His heavy locks seen to such an advantage in the court room, when he confronted and shook them at M. Guillot, judge de instruction, were gone. His apparel seemingly consisted of a heavy woolen undershirt and dark trousers. The shirt had been roughly cut away from about the neck and shoulders.

In front of the guillotine a board stood upright to the height of five feet. In the top of it was a lunette. As Prado neared this board a most dreadful series of incidents followed each other with the rapidity of lightning. The trembling abbe stepped apart. Four burly men dressed in blouses of blue and white striped ticking, who had not been seen before, sprang forward, seized the condemned man started him onward against the upright board and flung themselves upon him, and, by their weight, bore the struggling victim, face downward, to the top of the low platform. That board worked on a swivel and ran on rollers. In an instant it had been wheeled forward until his neck was under the glittering knife, upon which the morning light had begun to gleam.

M. De Ibler, who had stood like a man of stone at the right of the guillotine during all this terrible scene, now reached forward and fixed a wooden collar over the back of the prisoner's neck. Then the knife was sprung and the keen steel struck the neck as it might have collided with a rubber car spring. It went through, and the head of Prado lay among the shavings beyond. The surgeon placed his hand on the trunk and said: "Il est morte." (He is dead.)

An immense crowd collected outside the prison last night and remained until Prado had been executed. The rabble spent the time singing comic songs and amusing themselves in other boisterous ways. Prado slept well until 6 o'clock this morning. He protested his innocence to the last and declared against the injustice of this world. He refused to disclose his real name. When the jailers came to pinion his limbs he offered no resistance, and while they were engaged in this operation he shed one tear. The sight of the guillotine appeared to hypnotize him.

The story of Prado's crime briefly told is as follows: His victim, Marie Aquetant, was a dashing demi-monde, of Paris, supported by an indulgent lover. On the evening of January 14, 1886, she made the acquaintance of Prado at the Eden theater. They left the place and repaired to her apartments. While there the man did his best to conceal his identity from Marie's maid. At 2 o'clock in the morning M. Bies, Marie's former lover, called, and was furious at the information that a strange man was in Marie's room. He burst the door in and discovered Marie lying before the fireplace dead with her throat cut, her diamonds and jewelry gone and the stranger had disappeared. Search was made for the murderer but without success. Some time later Prado was arrested while trying to rob a jewelry store. He shot a policeman in the jaw, who later succeeded in getting him to the lockup. After his capture Eugenie Forestier, a demi-monde, and Mauresette Connexau, a young married woman of Bordeaux, were arrested on a charge of receiving stolen goods which had been given them by Prado. It then developed that Eugenie was his mistress and Mauresette his fiancée.

The latter's statement in court was a strange romance of love and crime. Prado had confessed to Eugenie the murder of Marie, and she in turn told Mme. Mauresette, who was prevailed upon by a priest, to whom she confessed, to make her statement public.

His trial and conviction soon followed. The case has raised Eugenie Forestier to the pinnacle of success in the world in which she lives. Mauresette Connexau, though she is mother of Prado's illegitimate child, has received a score of offers of marriage, but she has been kept in seclusion by her mother. Prado's wife was to obtain a divorce and move to Paris. The mystery of Prado's birth and

his adventures before the fateful night when Marie Aquetant was murdered was never unravelled during his life, and now the guillotine has made it an insoluble enigma.

## IRELAND.

WHAT FREEMAN'S JOURNAL SAYS.  
DUBLIN, December 28.—Freeman's Journal, referring to the Parnell commission inquiry, says: The Times prolonged the amount of evidence regarding the outrages in the hope of securing testimony to justify the statements made by Attorney-general Webster in his opening address. Feeling the ground slipping from under his feet, it resolved upon a desperate game to retrieve its fortunes. With this in view it dispatched an emissary to America, who discovered Sheridan at Pueblo, Col., and tried to induce him to go to London and testify before the commission, promising him that if his evidence proved satisfactory he would be paid £10,000 within an hour after his examination was concluded. Sheridan played possum with the agent for a time, and was finally offered £5,000 down if he would accompany the agent to England. Sheridan then positively declined to appear before the commission, and assured the agent that he was in no wise desirous to share the fate of James Carey.

## NEW NAVY.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28.—The new dynamite cruiser, Vesuvius, which left Cramp's ship yard yesterday for Delaware bay, there to have a trial of her speed, returned to the ship yard at 1 o'clock this morning. The course in the bay, where the trial was made, was reached last night before dark, and although the wind was blowing a gale and the Vesuvius was under disadvantageous conditions, the contractors concluded to have a trial before dark. The course of two miles was made in five minutes and fifty-four seconds, faster than the time fixed by the board as the requisite time of twenty knots. Another run was made in six minutes and twenty-one seconds, which was twenty-four seconds over time. The vessel anchored off the light ship all night, and this morning another trial was made. During the run one of the air pump levers broke and the last half knot was run with only one engine. The time made was six minutes and eighteen seconds and the trial was then abandoned and the Vesuvius returned to the city. Heavier air pump levers will be provided and another trial will be made as soon as they are fitted, possibly on Thursday next. The horse power developed at the time the air pump lever was broken, was 428.

## Wife-Murderer Hung.

WINNEPEG, MAN., December 28.—Webb Brandon, wife-murderer, was hanged this morning. He displayed great fortitude on the scaffold. The hanging took place in the extreme. Brandon killed his wife while drunk.

## A \$70,000 Blaze.

ST. PAUL, MINN., December 28.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Deloraine, Minn., says the business portion of this town burned this morning. The fire started in a room above Sanders & McKern's store, and although the people turned out to check it, such headway had been gained that great loss resulted. The loss is estimated at about \$70,000.

## The Whisky Trust.

CINCINNATI, December 28.—Mr. George W. Dackworth, treasurer of the Western Export association, known also as the Whisky trust, being asked about the truth of the rumor that the association would to-morrow make a reduction of 10 or 12 cents in whisky in order to bring outsiders to terms, said there is no fight.

## EGYPT.

### A RECONNOISSANCE.

SUAKIM, December 28.—General Greenfell, at the head of the Welsh regiment of cavalry and the Sudanese troops, made a reconnaissance four miles into the interior this morning. A few rebels on camels were seen, but they retired at the approach of General Greenfell's force. After filling up the rebel wells the force returned to Suakim.

## ITALY.

### A SHELL IN A MAGAZINE.

ROME, December 28.—A shell burst in the powder magazine at Messina, Sicily, this morning, killing sixteen soldiers and injuring many others.

## CANADA.

### A CANADA FIRE.

GALT, Ont., December 28.—The frame block on Northwall street, comprising six shops, was burned to-day. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$6,000. The Canadian Pacific telegraph office was among the buildings burned.

### HOTEL BURNED.

PICTON, Ont., December 28.—The Cardwell house was burned to-day. Loss, \$6,000; insurance, \$4,900.

## ENGLAND.

### EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

LONDON, December 28.—An earthquake shock was felt in Hampshire this morning.

### THE ETHERIA'S TIME.

QUEENSTOWN, December 28.—The Conard steamer Etheria, from New York, December 22 for Liverpool, was signalled off Brow head at 7 p. m., to-day. Time of passage, six days and four hours and fifteen minutes.

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## THE STATE.

A School Teacher Crushed by a  
Train—Texarkana to Have  
a New Depot.

Racing at Colorado—Galveston  
Items—Matters and Things  
Throughout Texas.

#### Killed by the Train.

DALLAS, December 28.—Last night at 11 o'clock a man by the name of Claude L. Miller was crushed by a Texas and Pacific train at the Hawkins street crossing. He was moved to the baggage-room in the depot, where he died about 3 o'clock. The deceased used to be in business in this city with his brother, A. L. Miller, on the corner of Elm and Harwood streets, but lately has been teaching school at Farmers Branch. It is supposed he was so intoxicated that he was unable to get out of the way. Deceased was a man of fine education.

#### Texarkana's New Depot.

Special Telegram to the Statesman.  
TEXARKANA, Ark., December 28.—General Superintendent E. E. Bicker, of the Iron Mountain; John A. Grant, of the Texas and Pacific railway, and L. S. Thorne, of the Gould system; R. M. Peck, superintendent of bridges and building, and W. J. McNulty, chief engineer, have spent the day here, and have located the union depot, which will be commenced forthwith. The building will be nearly 500 feet long, containing all the offices for the different departments. Like the federal building shortly to be built here it will be built across the state line, equal portions of the building to be in Texas and Arkansas. The citizens are jubilant.

#### Racing at Colorado.

Special Telegram to the Statesman.  
COLORADO, Tex., December 28.—All the horsemen of this section met here to-day with their horses and got up some fine races. The principal race was one arranged several weeks ago between C. Mann's black stallion and Bobtail, a scabby country horse, for \$400 a side, a quarter of a mile dash. The black won easily, leaving Bobtail sixty feet behind. Several other races were run during the day between cow ponies for from \$50 to \$200 a side, and considerable money was bet on the outside. In all, about \$8,000 changed hands.

#### GALVESTON ITEMS.

A Government Contractor—The Giebel Murder Case—Public Indignation.

Special Telegram to the Statesman.  
GALVESTON, December 28.—The steam tug Seminole with a tow of three barges left yesterday for Aransas Pass. The Seminole is a fine steamer, recently purchased in Mobile by Messrs. Charles Clark & Co., of this city, who have a contract for constructing a revetment at Aransas Pass under the plans and recommendations of the United States engineers' department. Robert Clark, junior member of the firm, accompanied the fleet. A preliminary examination of Police-man Giebel for homicide was postponed to-day at the request of the prisoner until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to enable him to procure counsel if possible. The feeling is more intense against the prisoner than on the day of the killing, and the mayor and chief of police are not held blameless for appointing and keeping such a man as Giebel on the police force when they were cognizant of his reckless incompetency.

#### Delegation to Washington.

Special Telegram to the Statesman.  
EL PASO, December 28.—A movement is on foot to send a delegation of 100 citizens to Washington to participate in the inaugural ceremonies. The idea is to attract the attention of the country to El Paso as the gateway to Mexico and the representative southwest city. A convention has been called for January 8.

#### Waco Wireings.

Special Telegram to the Statesman.  
WACO, December 28.—The D. Weil ice cream parlor was attached to-night. B. Weil was the proprietor. The attaching creditors are local dealers and their claims amount to about \$500.

Ed Hood, one of the boy robbers, was held in \$500 on preliminary trial, and Carl Reed, the other, was dismissed.

#### Assignment.

Special Telegram to the Statesman.  
GAINESVILLE, December 28.—J. E. Shoemaker, dealer in second-hand goods, assigned to-day for the benefit of his creditors. Assets, \$760; liabilities, \$1,500.

#### Death of an Eminent Divine.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 28.—A cablegram received this morning announces the death at Pau, France, of Rev. James Pettigrew Boyce, D.D., LL.D., president of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, of this city. He was 60 years old and left here last August for a two year's trip to recruit his shattered health. He was the founder of the seminary and one of the greatest leaders of American Baptists. He was president of the Southern Baptist convention, trustee of the Slater funds and held many important private and public trusts. He was born at Greenville, S. C., and had a wife and three daughters who accompanied him on his travels. The remains will be brought here for interment.

#### Fixing Up a Charter.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 28.—Mayor Fish to-day received a visit from Mayor B. D. Babcock, ex-Mayor Gardner and other prominent citizens of Cleveland. Mayor Babcock explained that the citizens of Cleveland intend to make a change in the government of the city, and are

desirous of using the amended charter of Philadelphia as a basis for the proposed new charter of their own city. They informed the mayor they desired to make a personal examination of the working of the Philadelphia system.

#### Residence Burned.

Special Telegram to the Statesman.  
HOUSTON, December 28.—The residence of Doctor Archer in the Fourth ward north, was burned between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning. The building and furniture were destroyed involving a loss of nearly \$5,000, and were insured for \$3,800. The origin of the fire cannot be accounted for.

#### A Democratic Mayor.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 28.—A recount of the votes cast for mayor in the last election was concluded last evening, and Judge Finn, of the superior court, declared E. B. Pond (Dem.) legally elected mayor. C. C. O'Donnell, independent candidate for mayor and the man who demanded the recount, made a total net gain of 208 votes, but not enough to elect him over Pond.

#### Horse Talk.

LOUISVILLE, December 28.—Sam Bryant to-day answered the published offer of George Hankins, of Chicago, to run Galen against Proctor Knott in a sweepstake of \$5,000 a corner. He says: "I don't want to run my horse in a match race for sweepstakes because she is already entered in all I can take care of. The only proposition I ever made about Galen is that I will bet \$5,000 that my horse can beat him in the Chicago derby. I am ready to put the money up on that."

#### The Cherokee Strip.

St. Louis, December 28.—A special from Kansas City says that Chief Mattress, of the Cherokee Strip, is in the city for the purpose of conferring with the president of the Cherokee Strip Livestock association in regard to the contract for the Cherokee Strip. The contract, calling for \$200,000 a year for five years, while it is entirely satisfactory to the Cherokees, has not been signed by them and will not be until every detail is carefully looked after. Chief Mays is bitterly opposed to the opening of Oklahoma.

#### Commissioners Appointed.

New York, December 28.—Governor Wilson, of West Virginia, has appointed the following additional commissioners to represent that state at the centennial celebration of Washington's inauguration as president: Gen. E. H. Ward, of Charleston; Hon. H. D. Scott, of Wheeling; Hon. Edwin Maxwell, of Clarkburg; Hon. P. W. Morris, of Ritchie Court House; Gen. J. R. Duval, of Wellsburg; and Gen. C. B. Hart, of Wheeling.

#### Pardoned.

Boston, December 28.—Sullivan, a life prisoner at the state prison, liberated yesterday, having by the governor and seven years ago Sullivan imprisonment for life, a term of an extreme years old.

#### Northern and Southern.

New York, December 28.—The members of the Southern assembly of the United States are about to leave for the north, and at noon of the proposition brethren was continued. The meeting will begin this afternoon at the hotel. The south all here, and the absent afternoon. It was said that this morning that would be strictly private proceedings in the result will not be meeting of their general May next.

#### Humor.

Boston, December 28.—A rumor has been circulated that Governor Strong has resigned the presidency company, to be succeeded by George H. Nettleton. George E. Strong's private secretary reports is not only about that Mr. Strong has no intention of resigning.

#### SOLD ROBE.

A Man Robbed in Op—St. Louis, December 28.—

St. Louis, December 28.—The boldest robberies ever committed in St. Louis occurred this morning on Olive street near Sixth, the business part of the city. Henry Ashoff, with Rosenheim, Lewis & Co., wholesale milliners, had drawn \$1,300 from the Bank of Commerce. He had the money in three packages, one of a \$1,000 and two of \$150 each. At George Diehl's hat store 625 Olive street he was jostled by three well dressed men, and found \$100 of his money missing. He gave the alarm and one man was arrested. The prisoner gave the name of C. W. Ward, but afterward admitted his name was Clifford W. Clay, and stated that he traveled for Price, the collar and cuff dealer of Chicago. The money was found on his person.

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